1991-92 as grant in-aid by the Union Government.

(b) and (c). The grant of 1990-91 was sanctioned on the recommendation of the Delhi Administration for starting residential school for SC/ST boys and girls and an Industrial Tainting Centre for SC/ST youths. The grant-in-aid for 1991-92 was sanctioned for meeting recurring expenditure of the above schemes after assessing the performance through quarterly progress report, Utilisation certificate for the grant in-aid released during 1990-91 and the audited financial Statment of that year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Gas Linkage Committee Report

4754. SHRI R. SURENDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Linkage Committee has submitted its export;

(b) *if so, the details of the* recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) *the action taken by Government* thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) to (d). The first meeting of the Gas Linkage Committee has been held. The next meeting is to be held shortly for further consideration of the issues.

[*Translation*]

Visit by President of Kazakhstan

4755. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI R. SURNDER REDDY:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Kazakhstan visited India recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held by him with Indian leaders;

(c) whether any bilateral agreement was reached between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SULANKI: (a) Yes, Sir on 20 & 21 February, 1992

(b) There was broad identity of views on important international and bilateral issues of mutual concern.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

The following five *agreements were* signed:

1. Declaration on the basic principles and directions of inter Governmental relations between the Republic of India and the Republic of Kazakhatan

2. Protocol on the establishment of Dipolmatic relations between the Republic of India and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3. Protocol on the establishment of

consulor relations between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

4. Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Kaszakhstan on cooperation in the spheres of Culture, Arts, Education, Science, Mass-media and Sports.

5. Agreement between the Republic of India and the Republic of Kazakhstan on cooperation in the fields of Trade, Economic relations and Science and Technology.

These agreements provide the framework for the growth of multifaceted and mutually beneficial cooperation between India and Kazakhstan.

[*English*]

Effective use of Fertilizer

4756. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are constraints for increased consumption of fertilizer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the strategies proposed for effective use of fertilizer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RANCHANDRAN): (a) There are no serious constraints for increasing the consumption of fertilizers. However, conscious efforts are being made to increase the use of fertilizer in low consumption areas.

(b) and (c). The following steps have been taken to improve and increase the use of efficiency of fertilizer:

(i) The Government of India implemented a scheme during 7th Plan for opening of retail outlets in the remote and inaccessible areas.

(ii) Fertilizer use in small packs is being popularised to aid transportation to remote areas and encourage use of fetilizers among small farmers.

(iii) The States have been advised to exempt the dealers upto a limit of 10 tonnes of fertilizers, from the requirement of obtaining dealership registration certificate for enhancing easy availability of fertilizers.

(iv) The use of moicronutrients is being popularized for improving the fertilizers use efficiency in intensively cultivated areas.

(v) Demonstration of benefits of fertilizer use and balanced/efficient application of fertilizer is being organised by State Agriculture Extension agencies.

(vi) Soil testing facilities are being strengthened to assist farmers with appropriate advise on proper use of fetlizers.

[*Translation*]

Increase in Quota of Kerosene

4757. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHIV RAJ SINGH CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA-PRABHA URS: